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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the interview conducted on April 9, 2009:

REMARKS

An Examiner's Interview Summary Record (PTO-413) was attached with the Interview Summary dated April 15, 2009.

During the interview, the following was discussed by telephone:

1. Brief description of exhibits or demonstration: None
2. Identification of claims discussed: 1
3. Identification of art discussed: None
4. Identification of principal proposed amendments: None

5. Brief Identification of principal arguments: Kano fails to disclose: 1) the correction means recited in claim 1 and 2) the judgment means recited in claim 1. More specifically, the nonlinear density correction ("warping") in Kano does not return the images to a state equivalent to its original state, but merely adds another layer of image correction to the digitized images.

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6. Indication of other pertinent matters discussed: None

7. Results of Interview: The Examiner argued that the claims need to be “enhanced to be directed toward the actual invention” described in the specification. Specifically, the Examiner argued that based on the summary of the invention on pages 5 and 6 of the specification, the correction means appears to be the same as the inter image calculation, which means finding the difference in the images. According to the Examiner, the correction means is merely the realignment/reorientation of the images, which is not an invention. Ultimately, no agreement was reached.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

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